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Re: SEC Chairman Position

Dear Ms. Snee:

I am happily employed as the President and CEO of The New York Times Company, a Fortune 500 Company, which also owns the Boston Globe, a group of regional newspapers and television stations, several digital businesses and a number of other properties. Prior to entering the business world, I practiced law for about eight years.

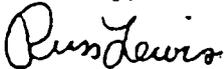
I am writing to express my sincere interest in the SEC Chairman position that the White House is in the process of filling.

I have enclosed a biographical sketch and two recent Op-Ed pieces I authored to give you a sense of who I am. If, after reviewing this material, you are interested in learning more about me and why I believe I would be successful as SEC Chairman, I would be happy to furnish you with additional information.

Naturally, I understand that my background may be somewhat unusual for this position and that you have a wealth of qualified candidates to consider. Accordingly, if there is no interest on your part, I'll certainly understand and there's no need for you to reply. While I am both happy and successful in my current position, my inquiry is nonetheless a serious one. I would like to be of service to my country and believe that I would bring many assets to this position.

In any event, thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Russell T. Lewis

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RUSSELL T. LEWIS - Chief Executive Officer and President

Russell T. Lewis was named chief executive officer of The New York Times Company on October 16, 1997. He retains his position as president of the Company, a position he has held since September 1996. As C.E.O., he has primary responsibility for overseeing and coordinating all of the Company's operations and business units and for working closely with the chairman to chart the future direction of the Company. He was elected a director of the Company in May 1997.

Previously, Mr. Lewis served as president and general manager of The New York Times newspaper since February 1993. Before that, he was executive vice president and deputy general manager since 1992, and senior vice president, production since August 1988. Earlier, Mr. Lewis served in various positions at The Times including senior vice president of circulation from November 1984 to April 1988, and vice president of circulation in January 1983.

Russ first joined The Times in 1966, as a copy boy, while attending college. He became a news clerk, then a news assistant, and won a Publisher's Award for a story he wrote about a New York City postal strike. In 1977, he returned to the company as a staff attorney in the legal department where he represented The Times in First Amendment litigation and other commercial matters. From 1978 through 1981, Mr. Lewis served as secretary of the New York City Bar Association's Committee on Communications Law. In 1985 he was elected to the Board of Directors of the New York State Publishers Association and in 1990 served as its president. He also served on the Board of Colgate University, Hamilton, N.Y. In 2001, for the third consecutive year, Mr. Lewis was named one of the top 50 CEOs by Worth Magazine. In 2002, Mr. Lewis received the Academy of Management's "Distinguished Executive of the Year" award.

Russ earned a B.A. degree in 1969 from the State University of New York at Stony Brook. He entered Brooklyn Law School in 1970 and continued to work at The Times as a legal clerk. He was awarded a J.D. degree in 1973 and was a litigation associate with the New York City law firm of Cahill, Gordon and Reindel from 1973 to 1977.

Born in the Bronx on (b)(6) Mr. Lewis lives with his wife and two children in Armonk, New York.

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